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<u>REMARKS</u>

Claims 13-23 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1-12 are cancelled, and claims 13-23 are added.

The present application has been translated from the original French version. The specification and claims have been amended herein to more closely conform to customary U.S. practice. No new matter has been added and no narrowing amendments are intended.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully sybmitted,

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